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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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 Dean et al.) Examiner: Sisson, Bradley L.
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 Serial No. 09/514,113) Art Unit: 1634
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 Filed: February 28, 2000) Confirmation No.: 9257
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 For: Method For Reducing Artifacts)
 In Nucleic Acid Amplification)
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 to take action required in the application identified in the caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,010.00	(\$1,005.00)*

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Respectfully submitted,

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.



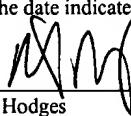
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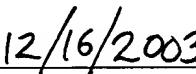
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